

Metropolitan Council of Jewish Poverty

Organization Description

The Metropolitan Council of Jewish Poverty (Met Council) is a not-for-profit organization representing and coordinating the efforts of 25 grass roots Jewish Community Councils in the New York City area. It is the primary advocate for the needs of poor Jews, reaching out to the isolated Jewish poor and elderly, and increasing public recognition of the extent and nature of poverty among Jews through legislative and social advocacy.

Project Description

The Metropolitan Council of Jewish Poverty Technical Assistance Growth Fund (TAGF) is designed to support a diverse range of faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) by maximizing their ability to increase effectiveness, enhance provision of social services, and expand organizational infrastructure, diversify funding sources, and create collaborations to better serve those most in need within their communities. Five core services that employ increasing levels of support and assistance will be put into practice: outreach, technical assistance trainings, individual consultations or a Customized Organizational Plan of Execution (COPE), structural support services, and sub-awards.

Geographic Scope of Project

The five boroughs of New York City—the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island

Sub-Awards

The goal of the sub-awards is to help FBCOs create new programs or expand existing ones. Sub-awards will be granted to small FBCOs that historically have not had access to federal funding. There will be two funding cycles per year. Met Council will make awards to approximately 16-20 organizations with individual awards ranging from \$2000 to \$15,000 for a total grant amount of \$155,000.

Project Objectives

- 1. Provide outreach to 160 new organizations by distributing 2,000 pieces of literature and holding a minimum of 10 community outreach presentations.
- 2. Provide technical assistance by enrolling a minimum of 60 agencies and providing 704 hours of group training.
- 3. Provide Customized
 Organizational Plans of
 Execution (COPE) for all 60
 agencies participating in the technical assistance training.
- Provide structural support by enrolling 12 agencies and assisting agencies in eventually managing their own structural support activities.
- 5. Provide sub-awards to 16-20 agencies for a total of \$155,000 in sub-awards.

Project Strategies

Offer three distinct training clusters, each with a series of courses focusing on different areas of organizational management

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- which will fortify FBCOs that provide services for the homeless, elders in need, at-risk youth, and couples aiming to build and sustain healthy marriages;
- Provide technical assistance managers to work with participants to develop a COPE, a clear action plan toward building capacity;
- Provide intensive personalized structural support services, involving a mutual agreement for Met Council to manage back office support for the small, newer organizations that have not developed the infrastructure needed to manage those activities on their own.

Grant Award Amount \$525,645



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